

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SUPPORTING HOUSE CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 833, MY RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MOLDOVA'S DEMOCRACY, SOVEREIGNTY, AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, ON APRIL 27, 2022

## HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker. I rise to support H. Res. 833, a bipartisan resolution co-authored by Moldova Caucus Co-Chair, Congressman AUGUST PFLUGER, and myself, to support the Republic of Moldova's democracy, sovereignty, and territorial integrity.

I would also like to thank Chairman MEEKS for his support for strengthening U.S.-Moldova relations and his expedited consideration of this resolution on the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Moldova is a small but significant country that achieved independence after the fall of the Soviet Union and has worked to chart its own path forward as a young democracy.

This year, we celebrate 30 years of diplomatic relations between our two countries, and I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the opportunities we have to strengthen U.S.-Moldova relations.

Today, Moldova is a bright spot in the region.

Over the last two years, the Moldovan people elected their first female president and a new parliament with a clear mandate to implement crucial governance and economic reforms, such as strengthening the capacity and independence of democratic institutions—including the judiciary, combatting corruption, expanding economic prosperity, enhancing European cooperation and integration, and increasing energy security and diversification.

Moldova is trying to do exactly what we urge on our counterparts all over the world—responding and being accountable to all of its citizens. We must support and help Moldova in these critical endeavors—particularly in the face of Russian military aggression in neighboring Ukraine.

President Putin's unprovoked and barbaric military invasion of Ukraine has grave security implications for Moldova, by virtue of its proximity and the presence of Russian-backed separatist troops in Transnistria—a breakaway region within Moldova's internationally recognized borders. Already, we are hearing of a potential false flag operation within Transnistria. We have seen this before, and we must be vigilant.

Since Putin's brutal invasion, Moldova has punched above its weight and opened its arms to hundreds of thousands fleeing Ukrainian refugees, providing them humanitarian assistance and a safe place to turn, despite limited resources.

As a country largely dependent on Russia for energy, the Moldovan government has also

worked hard to swiftly accelerate energy diversification and ensure the resilience of its infrastructure.

The United States and the international community must do all we can to provide Moldova the resources needed to succeed in these efforts, while also supporting their efforts to stay the course on implementing important governance and economic reforms. That is exactly what this resolution supports.

I've had the pleasure of visiting Moldova and welcoming Moldovans to our country many times by virtue of North Carolina's sister-state relationship with Moldova, co-chairing the Moldova Caucus, and engaging Moldovans in the parliamentary-development work of the House Democracy Partnership (HDP), which I chair.

Most recently, as HDP resumed in-person meetings, a young articulate group of Moldovan parliamentarians joined us for a five-country conference at the Marshall Center in Germany and made a significant contribution to the program.

The Moldovan Parliament has made great institutional strides, particularly since the landmark elections of 2019, and HDP looks forward to continuing engagement with them.

The North Carolina partnership, nurtured by Secretary of State Elaine Marshall and hundreds of citizen-diplomats in both countries, has been a remarkable success—which is acknowledged in this resolution. Since 1996, the North Carolina National Guard has anchored the partnership, which has now come to involve exchanges and cooperation beyond the military, including civil emergency operations, expansion of markets, humanitarian efforts, and cultural, scientific, and educational initiatives.

The resolution before us honors the achievements of independent Moldova, celebrates 30 years of cordial United States relations, urges continued progress on economic and political reform, and does all of this in full awareness of the perils Moldova faces.

It is a timely and compelling resolution, and I urge unanimous support.

IN RECOGNITION OF ED GARONE

## HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ed Garone's long history of leadership in New Hampshire and in celebration of his Golden Anniversary of the Derry Chief of Police. Ed first answered the call to service in his community in 1964 with the Lebanon Police Department and moved up the ranks over the next eight years, being named the Derry Chief of Police in 1972.

When Ed was promoted to Chief in 1972, he oversaw 16 officers. Today, he oversees more than 70 officers and runs a department of exemplary police officers and staff. He

works to ensure the safety of citizens in his community, but also for the officers he oversees. Over the years he has worked on projects that focused on bettering Derry and the community.

As Chief, Ed has continuously shown dedication to bettering the community issue by issue since the 1970s. Ed has always gone above and beyond to ensure the safety of the good people of Derry, and all Granite Staters, by spearheading efforts to combat the opioid epidemic—both in Derry and across the state.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to thank Ed for his continued dedication to the Granite State and to congratulate him on this momentous milestone.

HONORING PAULA MOLTZAN,  
OLYMPIC ATHLETE

## HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Ms. CRAIG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Minnesota native Paula Moltzan for earning 12th in giant slalom, 8th in slalom, and 4th in the mixed team in the 2022 Olympic Games in Beijing.

Paula, who has been on the Olympic Alpine Team since 2012, has had an amazing track record, becoming the first American woman to win a slalom gold at Junior Worlds. During her time at the University of Vermont she was the fifth female to win the NCAA slalom title and the first freshman to do so since 1986. With her lifelong dedication to skiing, Paula is a reminder to all of us that hard work and dedication pay off.

On behalf of Minnesota's 2nd Congressional District, I applaud Paula and congratulate her on her impressive Olympic performance.

HONORING BISHOP JUAN L.  
MORRISON

## HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bishop Juan L. Morrison.

From a young age, Bishop Morrison was taught to love and serve others. As the son of a pastor, the values of being humble, pious, and charitable were instilled within him, forming a man devoted to his faith and community.

Academically, Bishop Morrison was driven. He received a master's degrees in Education Administration, Counseling, and Psychology, as well as a Doctorate in Philosophy. Bishop Morrison then spent thirty-five years in Springfield teaching both in the public school system and at Lincoln Land Community College.

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Not only did Bishop Morrison have an influence in the classroom but also on his faith and community. For thirty-six years, he served as the Pastor and Founder of Emmanuel Temple Church of God in Christ, as well as its superintendent, and the first Administrative Assistant.

Bishop Morrison lived a life that we all strive for. He loved his faith, his family, and his community. His impact and devotion to his faith has surely inspired many and will always be missed. My family and I send our thoughts and prayers to his wife, Clementine, to their children, Juan, Daryl, and Cheryl, and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews. May Bishop Morrison rest in peace.

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MIKE LITZAU

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**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mike Litzau for receiving the 2021 Pioneer Award from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. The Pioneer Award is given to an exceptional leader in the community who has served Arvada for many years and contributed in unprecedented ways. This award is only given as needed and is regarded with the highest level of accolades for the recipient's accomplishments.

This year's winner, Mike Litzau, is very well-deserving of this recognition for his many community efforts and volunteer service throughout the years. Mike served on the Arvada Chamber Board of Directors and currently sits on the Advocacy KAPS Council and Legacy Board. He was also recognized by the Chamber in 2018 with a "Behind the Scenes" Award and in 2014 as "Man of Year". Mike served on the Arvada Economic Development Association Board of Directors for 21 years, including four years as President was awarded for his distinguished service in 2014.

In addition, Mike served on the Arvada Community Food Bank (Community Table) Board of Directors for 12 years, including as President for six years. There he coordinated a capital campaign to renovate a former library building for the food bank in 2009. Mike has been a member of the Arvada Sunrise Rotary Club for 12 years, serving in leadership positions as the Treasurer for nine years and currently serves as President. Mike also serves on the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Board, the Arvada Vitality Alliance Board, and the SCU Community Foundation Board. He has also coordinated an Arvada Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site for over ten years.

Mike has been quite the force for good in the Arvada community and has made a difference in the community as a whole with his positive attitude and smile for everyone he meets. Congratulations again to Mike Litzau for this recognition from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. I extend my deepest appreciation for his contributions to our community.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF  
CHIEF RUSS SANDERS

**HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Russ Sanders, former Fire Chief of my hometown of Louisville, Kentucky, and one of the American fire service's most respected and dedicated leaders.

Russ has long been an advocate for firefighter safety and health, serving as a leader in the fire service locally, nationally, and internationally for more than 50 years.

He retired in January from the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA), where he served as a regional and international director for many years. Chief Sanders has also served as the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association and as the leader of the NFPA's Urban Fire Forum. Before that, he served for nearly 30 years in the Louisville, KY Fire Department, his last nine years as Chief of the Department.

Sanders obtained his Bachelor of Arts Degree, a Master of Education Degree, and a Master of Science Degree—all from the University of Louisville. Russ is also a graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program and Harvard University's Senior Executive in State and Local Government Program.

Russ has dedicated his life to the advocacy of the fire service in the United States, tackling issues from firefighter health and safety to the development of fire and life safety standards, codes, and policies designed to protect the public. He also served as a subject matter expert on several major fire research studies conducted by the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Chief Sanders is admired and respected by his peers in the United States and Internationally. In 2019, the Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI) acknowledged his contributions to the U.S. fire service by recognizing him as the recipient of the CFSI's Annual Mason Lankford Fire Service Leadership Award for his exemplary leadership.

Russ' dedication to making the fire service stronger, more effective, and safer has directly touched the lives of every firefighter in this country—and the American people are safer today because of his efforts. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege and honor to recognize Chief Russ Sanders for his leadership and years of service to my city, to our nation, and to his fellow firefighters.

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RECOGNIZING RICHARD AND  
DIANE WOJTOWICZ

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the service of Richard and Diane Wojtowicz to their community of Williamsville, NY. Members of the Williamsville community for almost 50 years, the Wojtowicz have both spent their careers working to improve and strengthen the quality of life in their town.

A graduate of Canisius College and the current Director of Corporate Relations for Mainstream Funding Systems, Mr. Wojtowicz is a former Town Councilman and has lifelong experience in service to the Williamsville area. Mrs. Wojtowicz is a graduate of Bryant & Stratton College and is Executive Secretary to the Chief Executive Officer of Mainstream Funding Systems. Through her involvement in many community organizations and her volunteer work, Mrs. Wojtowicz has shown she is equally devoted to our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Wojtowicz currently serve on the Buffalo-Niagara Heritage Village Board of Trustees. As members of the Board of Trustees, they strive to preserve the history and cultural heritage of the Buffalo Niagara Region.

As members of the Amherst Symphony Orchestra Board, Mr. and Mrs. Wojtowicz are avid supporters of the arts. Mr. Wojtowicz is a musician himself, playing drums professionally with many western New York bands, and Mrs. Wojtowicz's appreciation for the arts is apparent through her volunteer work with the Amherst Symphony Orchestra. Arts in the western New York area are fueled by the support of community members like the Wojtowiczs.

Mr. and Mrs. Wojtowicz have further dedicated themselves to the Williamsville community through their service to the youth community. Mrs. Wojtowicz serves currently as the vice president of the Amherst Youth Foundation Board, and Mr. Wojtowicz is the Foundation's current secretary. While serving as Town Councilman, Mr. Wojtowicz was the board's liaison to the Recreation Department, the Youth Board, the Library, and the Government Studies Committee. He also served as a consultant to Junior Achievement, helping young people develop the skills to succeed in today's economy. Through their service, Mr. and Mrs. Wojtowicz have shown a commitment to helping future generations of Williamsville residents.

As is exemplified by previous recognition they have earned, the Wojtowiczs are valued members of their community. In appreciation for her work with Rotary International, Mrs. Wojtowicz was awarded the "Unsung Hero" award. For his generosity and care, Mr. Wojtowicz has been honored by Rotary International with the "Rotarian of the Year" award, "Service Above Self Award," and many "Paul Harris" recognition awards. Mr. Wojtowicz also received the "Businessman of the Year" award from the General Pulaski Association of Western New York.

Dedicated to bettering the Amherst-Williamsville area, the Wojtowicz's contributions to the arts, youth engagement, and local business have left a lasting impact. Our community is indebted to Richard and Diane Wojtowicz for their exemplary and selfless actions. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. and Mrs. Wojtowicz for everything they have done over the years to better the lives of their fellow Williamsville residents.

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HONORING ARMY SERGEANT  
DARBY MORIN

**HON. TOM EMMER**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Army Sergeant

Darby Morin, an honorable serviceman, husband, and father.

Sergeant Morin began his military career as an Army Transportation specialist, maintaining Army vehicles. With the support of his family, Darby became a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Specialist. This new role gave him the skills and knowledge to defend our nation against the threat of weapons of mass destruction.

We are forever indebted to our servicemembers for their sacrifice and recognize the irreplaceable support military spouses and families provide for our nation's heroes. Military families serve alongside their loved ones, and today, we remember their tremendous sacrifice and mourn their loss.

I am pleased to know that my staff was able to join Sergeant Morin's family and U.S. Bank in recognizing his impressive and enduring legacy during the Gold Star Family event, Driven to Serve. While we all mourn this loss, Sergeant Darby Morin's commitment to serving our nation will never be forgotten.

HONORING BATOYUN "OYUNA"  
URANCHIMEG, PARALYMPIC ATHLETE

**HON. ANGIE CRAIG**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Ms. CRAIG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Batoyun "Oyuna" Uranchimeg on her performance at the 2022 Paralympic Games in Beijing, which earned the U.S. Wheelchair Curling Team 5th place.

Oyuna began curling in 2016 and has since become an instrumental member of the USA Wheelchair Curling Development Team. She has shown us that strength is about the determination to persevere. Her performance has been inspirational, and I look forward to watching what she accomplishes next.

On behalf of Minnesota's 2nd Congressional District, I applaud Oyuna and congratulate her on her impressive Paralympic performance.

HONORING CURT RHODES

**HON. RODNEY DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Curt Rhodes.

Curt was a friend to everyone he met. Whether he was watching races at the Macon Speedway, attending events with the UMP Modified Racing Series, or watching his favorite team, the St. Louis Blues, Curt was loved by those around him.

If there is one thing Curt loved more than the Blues or a day at the speedway, it was his family. Curt loved nothing more than to be with his family. His brother Joe, his sister Debbie, his nephews Brandon, Justin, Tyler, and Ryan, and his nieces Hannah and Kristy meant the world to him. Curt and his wife Katrina raised a beautiful family of their own, including his son Zachary and his daughter Cassandra. Curt was loved and will be remembered by many.

Curt was born in Edmonton Alberta, Canada but eventually moved to my hometown of Taylorville, Illinois. He lived a fulfilling, honest life and was dedicated to his family, his community and being a friend to all.

On January 31, 2022, Curt passed away in Springfield, Illinois. Shannon and I send our thoughts and prayers to his family. Curt will be missed by many. May he rest in peace.

JEFF CANNON

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jeff Cannon for receiving the 2021 Man of the Year Award from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. The Man of the Year Award is given annually to a man who has gone above and beyond to selflessly serve his community.

Jeff has been a tireless volunteer in Arvada for more than 40 years. Most notably, he has served with the Arvada Jaycee's since 1981 and has held many positions in the organization, including Chapter President, Colorado Secretary, Colorado State President and Colorado Senate President. He has managed the Arvada Harvest Festival as well as many other community events through the years. In addition, he's served on the Arvada Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Arvada Planning Commission, and served as President of Arvada Sister Cities. His commitment to serving the Arvada community is unparalleled.

Congratulations again to Jeff Cannon on this recognition from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. I extend my deepest appreciation for his contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING KENNETH ROTH'S  
RETIREMENT FROM HUMAN  
RIGHTS WATCH

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kenneth Roth, Executive Director of Human Rights Watch, who has announced his retirement after serving the organization for nearly 30 years at its helm. During this time, he developed the organization to become a leading defender of human rights with a budget of nearly \$100 million and over 500 staff operating in 100 countries.

Mr. Roth, a former federal prosecutor in New York and during investigations of the Iran-Contra Affair, began his career in human rights work as a volunteer for 6 years before joining HRW as Deputy Director in 1987. At the time, HRW consisted of regional human rights monitoring groups, including Helsinki Watch—a product of the 1975 Helsinki Accords to monitor compliance of human rights in Soviet bloc countries that called for the "naming and shaming" of violators of human rights—Americas Watch, Asia Watch, Middle East Watch and Africa Watch. Jointly, the groups were known as "The Watch Commit-

tees." The year following his appointment as Deputy Director, the collective was consolidated under the name Human Rights Watch. In 1993, Kenneth Roth was named Executive Director of HRW following its first Director, Aryeh Neier.

As Executive Director, Mr. Roth demonstrated an even-handed approach to his position and has not shied away from bringing attention to human rights violations committed by governments and individuals around the world. HRW has brought to our awareness abuses occurring in Ethiopia, Yemen, Egypt, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Syria and in China's Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region documenting repression of the Uyghur minority population, to name a few countries. HRW reports have also criticized U.S. administrations over the use of "black sites" and laws on surveillance following the September 11 attacks, anti-immigrant and anti-Muslim policies, and isolationist policies. Additionally, through its staff reporting and advocacy, HRW reports have been instrumental in investigations and convictions of warlords, wartime leaders and individuals accused of committing human rights abuses, including Liberia's Charles Taylor, Peru's Alberto Fujimori and Bosnian Serb leaders Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic.

Mr. Roth has also demonstrated that he is no stranger to "good trouble." Roth has received criticism from the Rwandan government over HRW's reporting of genocide and other crimes committed by its President, Paul Kagame. Additionally, he was denied entry into Egypt in 2014 over the report All According to Plan: The Rab'a Massacre and Mass Killings of Protestors in Egypt, which placed responsibility for mass killings of protestors following the ousting of President Mohamed Morsi on senior officials, including then Defense Minister and current President, Abdul Fattah al-Sisi. He faced Chinese sanctions and was similarly denied entry into Hong Kong, where he planned to release the World Report 2020 showing Chinese policies to "restrict freedom of religion" in Tibetan areas, forced and deceptive marriages through "bride trafficking," violations of the Refugee Convention by returning North Korean refugees, and forced detainment of Turkic Muslims in "political education" camps—a tactic currently being used by Russia against Ukrainian children.

Over the span of his 30-year career, Kenneth put feet on the ground meeting with communities impacted by human rights violations, speaking with over 2 dozen world leaders to address and end abuses, and leading fact-finding investigative trips to over 50 countries, including Haiti, Cuba, Kuwait, Iraq, and Syria. He focused HRW teams on issues pertaining to women, children, and senior populations; refugees; persons with disabilities; lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people; poverty and inequality; climate change; and on human rights abuses here in the United States of America. HRW began documenting abuses in realtime with the aim of ending atrocities sooner rather than later and incorporating videos and graphics in its reports as well as using social media for advocacy. The organization supported bringing perpetrators to justice through war crimes tribunals at the United Nations Security Council and the creation of the International Criminal Court as a body to prosecute war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide. Kenneth pushed the ICC to

prohibit cluster munitions and the use of child soldiers, and in 1997, the HRW shared a Nobel Peace Prize for its work to ban anti-personnel landmines.

As Kenneth Roth prepares to step down from his position amid Russia's ongoing war in Ukraine, I am mindful of the human rights abuses being committed in both Ukraine and inside of Russia at the orders of Vladimir Putin. War crimes, crimes against humanity and strong evidence of genocide abound in Ukraine. Political arrests, which HRW has documented extensively in countries as nearby as Nicaragua and Cuba and ones as far away as Uzbekistan, are taking place in Russia with the arrest of protesters, journalists, politicians, and anyone who dares speak out against Putin's war in Ukraine, including the recently jailed Russian politician and journalist, Vladimir Kara-Murza. Kenneth Roth's reports have criticized Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which remains a clear, gross, and uncorrected violation of Helsinki Final Accord principles by Putin and his regime. In April 2022, HRW's operations in Russia were suspended as part of Putin's silencing of criticism over his unprovoked war.

In recognition of Kenneth Roth's 30-year leadership of Human Rights Watch and the organization he has built to bring attention to human rights abuses around the world and the recommendations he has made to end and correct these atrocities, I ask my colleagues to join me in saying job well-done and in wishing him well in his retirement. His presence will surely be missed, but I am confident that the human rights monitoring infrastructure put into place will remain strong and that his leadership will serve as a guide for future leaders of HRW and for all who work in the areas of human rights monitoring and advocacy.

#### IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FORDSON HIGH SCHOOL

#### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th Anniversary of Fordson High School, located in Dearborn, Michigan. For the past century, Fordson High School has educated the students of Dearborn and brought pride to our community. For this they are worthy of commendation as they celebrate their 100th anniversary.

Completed in 1928 in the former village of Fordson, at the time Fordson High School was hailed as "one of the finest school buildings in the United States." The school's famous architecture was inspired by buildings at Oxford University and the University of Michigan Law School. The striking Fordson Tower has been used as a site of protest, a media center, and even as a lookout for enemy aircraft during World War II. From the very first day that classes were held at the school, students have found a home and a love of learning at Fordson.

Fordson High School is representative of the diverse Dearborn community that it serves, from the early days of it being a school for the sons and daughters of Ford factory workers to a haven for immigrants escaping violence, Fordson has programs to ensure that each

student has what they need to succeed. Students are offered the opportunity to participate in sports and various clubs that support the study of medicine, debate, and entrepreneurship. With the strong Fordson tradition and a roster of great student athletes across all sports, the Fordson Tractors have won state championships in football, volleyball, swimming, and basketball. The students of Fordson High School have grown up to become politicians, judges, directors, athletes, actors, and leaders in business. They've served our country and helped empower our community for generations.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the students, staff, and alumni of Fordson High School as they celebrate 100 fantastic years in Dearborn, Michigan. Every time I visit Fordson I am amazed by how thoughtful and engaged in the community the students are. These great students give me hope for the next generation and never fail to make us proud each day. Fordson has been the heart and soul of Dearborn for the past century, and we wish the students, staff, and alumni the very best in the years come.

#### HONORING THE LIVES OF ANTHONY AND ROBERT DUDCHIK

#### HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the heartbreaking loss of two young beams of light from Eastern Connecticut, Anthony and Robert Dudchik. The two brothers lost their lives in a horrific car accident on April 28, 2022, along with another young friend. Their passing has been devastating to their families, communities and has without exaggeration, been felt across the entire state.

Born in 2000 and 2002 in the neighboring town of Middletown, Anthony and Robert were adopted and raised by Tom and Nora Fitzgerald Dudchik of East Haddam, Connecticut. These two were inseparable since birth and grew up and thrived in Tom and Nora's loving, nurturing home.

Their stories intertwined, both Anthony and Robert brought a caring and attentive nature to every task or goal before them, qualities which I am sure they absorbed from Tom and Nora's upbringing. As graduates of Nathan Hale-Ray High School, they were both star athletes and had previously worked at East Haddam's Shagbark Lumber and Farm Supplies store, a local landmark, where they became friendly, familiar faces to the local community. Upon graduating, Robert had most recently moved to East Haven where he had taken off a career in aviation as a flight attendant for Tweed-New Haven's Avelo Airlines, where he was also among the inaugural graduating class. He dreamed of moving to Japan to teach English. Anthony, who had also moved to New Haven for school, was a rising Sophomore Journalism Major at Southern Connecticut State University. He had a strong passion for photography.

The losses of Robert and Anthony are indescribably difficult because the trajectory of their lives was so crystal clear, and yet also so incomplete. Even at such young ages, their

combined story has touched countless individuals throughout all of Connecticut. They brought such incredible joy, inspiration and pride to Tom and Nora as well as their surviving friends and family. Tom and Nora in the past few weeks have shown great strength and grace and have publicly urged all who will listen to learn more about and support adoption and the children who need loving homes.

Madam Speaker, in moments like these where it is hard to find solace, we can only learn to cherish their memories which will not soon leave this earth, but instead appreciate with time. In keeping their memories alive, we will also pay respect to the strength that foster families bring to our communities, which the Dudchiks have exemplified so well. To these ends, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring their memory, and ensuring that the brightness which emanated from their lives will never leave us.

#### HONORING JOHN W. BIPPUS AS THE THREE RIVERS LIONS CLUB BRUCE C. SNOOK CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

#### HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a very important member of the Three Rivers community, Mr. John Bippus, for receiving the title of Three Rivers Lions Club Bruce C. Snook Citizen of the Year.

John moved to Three Rivers in 1968 at nine years old. His father, a local businessman, played a formidable role in the development of John's entrepreneurial spirit. John would help at his parent's gas station as a teen pumping gas, changing tires and getting the job done. John's familiarity with vehicles naturally led him to pursue an automotive sales position after graduating from Three Rivers High School and later found his true calling—real estate. John went on to get his broker's license and open his own business in his hometown over thirty years ago.

John's position in the community goes well beyond the real estate industry. John also founded John Bippus Charities which has donated to over twenty Michigan organizations. John has also led the community through his participation in local government, including the Three Rivers City Commission, St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners, the St. Joseph County Board of Road Commissioners and the Glen Oaks Board of Trustees.

John has led and selflessly given to the community of Three Rivers and is most deserving of this recognition. What's also important is that I have personally known Bruce Snook all my years and the qualities and values he has lived. That's why this recognition is so special to me.

#### HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF MR. ED TERRY

#### HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Ms. CRAIG. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate Mr. Ed Terry and his more than fifty

years of remarkable public service as an agricultural teacher in in Minnesota's Second Congressional District.

Ed began his teaching career in Farmington in 1968. In 1977, he transitioned to teaching agricultural education at Randolph High School, and he has been there ever since.

Over his forty-five years at Randolph High School, Ed has dedicated himself to supporting students and catalyzing growth and development for them in all careers that they have chosen to pursue.

Despite incremental changes to the agriculture industry over the past fifty years, Ed's passion and support has been unwavering. Without a doubt, he has been a primary contributor in fortifying the pillars that make our communities strong and united.

And Ed's influence has been much wider than just Randolph High School. He has mentored students in an outreach program in recent years that welcomes students from surrounding communities that don't have agriculture classes or FFA programs. These communities include—but are not limited to—Northfield, Hastings, Rosemount, Lakeville, and Faribault.

Ed has also been a trusted advisor to many local farm families working through transitions in their operations.

Ed has not only provided service and knowledge to students but has also instructed adult education classes in agriculture in Randolph and surrounding communities.

Ed's dedication to teaching youth about the importance of small farms, and the process by which food comes to their table, is crucial to sustaining local farmers.

As a testament to Ed's commitment to his students and as a reflection of his generosity, he has not missed a single one of his students' graduation open houses over the years, including students from the outreach programs.

I am grateful for Ed's commitment to our agriculture community and applaud his many accomplishments. And I deeply admire Ed's desire to pass on his knowledge to younger generations.

I commend Mr. Ed Terry for more than fifty years of remarkable, impactful, and community-sustaining public service. He is a backbone of our community.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF DAN BOYNTON

#### HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dan Boynton.

Teachers hold a special place in our community. Not only do they teach our next generation of Americans, but they also shape them into kind, curious, and thoughtful human beings. Teachers like Dan Boynton showed just how impactful teachers can be in the lives of their students.

Dan taught and coached football at Central Catholic, St. Teresa High School, and Maroa-Forsyth High School. No matter what school he taught at, Dan was loved by many for his ability to make a connection with his students. As a consumer education and Intro to Busi-

ness teacher, Dan was a role model to the many students he taught.

The connection that Dan retained with his students allowed the passion he had for teaching to show. He was often seen as a figure that you could approach about anything, and he was especially known for supporting his players in any way possible. Even limited by his health, Dan made sure he would always be cheering for his team.

Dan passed away in March after a yearlong battle with brain cancer. Dan was a role model for his school and his community, and his kindness and warm spirit will be missed by many. Me and my family send our thoughts and prayers to him, his wife, and their children. May he rest in peace.

#### GENESIS RODRIGUEZ ESPARZA

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Genesis Rodriguez Esparza for receiving the 2021 Rising Star Award by the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. The Rising Star Award is given to an Arvada high school student who has exhibited extraordinary leadership, entrepreneurship and positive community impact.

Genesis is a senior at Pomona High School. She recently earned the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award for encouraging more Latina and females in the STEM fields by creating a bilingual program with activities and resources to help introduce more households to STEM, especially in the Hispanic community. For the last two years, she worked tirelessly to develop and host events locally and globally in order to test and create these resources. Throughout this project, Genesis showed great confidence and amazing leadership and organization skills—all while attending her senior year, preparing for college, and overcoming the various different challenges the pandemic presented. Genesis' passion and genuine care for her community is the reason she is being recognized.

Congratulations again to Genesis Rodriguez Esparza on this recognition from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. I extend my deepest appreciation for her contributions to our community.

#### RECOGNIZING WYN THOMAS

#### HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of an outstanding high school student in my district: Wyn Thomas, a senior at Stevenson High School, Wyn was one of eight student winners nationwide selected in the #Enough: Plays to End Gun Violence Competition for her outstanding play, *Write Their Wrongs*.

I had the honor of sitting down with Wyn to discuss her play and the importance of ending our nation's gun violence epidemic. When I first read Wyn's play, I was incredibly moved

at how she captured the frustration and devastation that we all feel about school shootings.

I am grateful for students like Wyn who will continue to advocate that we address our Nation's devastating gun violence epidemic. Congratulations to Wyn on this incredible honor.

I include in the RECORD the text of Wyn's play:

#### WRITE THEIR WRONGS

(Wyn Thomas)

Location: A high school classroom after school, where the Writer's Club used to meet before there was a shooting in the school. Maya was locked down in this room during the shooting.

(Maya sits at a table anxiously. She has notebooks and a laptop set up. Jimmy, with his arm in a sling, and Emily enter.)

Maya: You're late.

Emily: Well, we got here before Lydia.

Maya: Did you hear from her? Is she coming? Jimmy: Why would she?

Maya (pulling out chairs for them)

Because she can take . . . everything that happened to us, and do something with it. We can write something that makes a difference in the world.

Jimmy: Yeah, we already heard your soapbox speech over the phone. Emily: I don't know if this is up Lydia's alley.

Maya: Why wouldn't it be? She's in the writer's club, isn't she? (They sit.)

Maya: So, how are you guys?

Emily: I'm fine.

Jimmy (sarcastic, bitter)

Never been better.

Emily: Jimmy.

Jimmy: What? (To Maya) Did you want the real answer?

Maya: Yeah, I do. That's how we're going to write something meaningful.

Emily: That's how we're actually going to make a change.

Jimmy: Fine . . . um . . . (vulnerable) The surgery was hard. Recovery is harder, because I can't really move, which means I can't go to the places I love. Like your mom's house.

Maya: Jimmy, this is serious. Do you have any actual ideas?

Jimmy: No.

Emily (under her breath): Tyler always had ideas.

Jimmy: Well Tyler's not gonna show up, now is he?

(Awkward silence.)

Emily (breaking the tension): Are we writing an essay?

Maya: Maybe a play? Or a poem?

Emily: You think Republican senators can understand poetry?

Maya: True, but we have to write something, so . . . let's start with an idea. We never thought it would happen here, but then it did. Shock people out of ignorance.

Emily: The thing is, I didn't think it could never happen here. I did the walk out in eighth grade and went to protests starting freshman year because I knew it could.

Maya: But, like, you were surprised when it actually happened.

Emily: Yeah, but . . . (referring to herself and Jimmy) we're walking down the hall, and we hear it and— . . . (She breaks off.)

Maya: Then what happened? What did you see?

Emily: He— . . . (She can't find the words.)

Maya: He what?

(Emily pushes away the memory.)

Emily: I just thought "today's the day." Like it was inevitable. Which it practically is with current laws.

(Lydia enters slowly, but the others haven't noticed yet.)

Jimmy: And I just thought . . . Thank God I don't have to take that math test. And I stand by that.

Emily (ignoring him): Let's drop the "it can't happen here" and dig into policy, because it did happen here and it can happen anywhere else in this country.

Maya: Ok, but . . . we still don't have a story.

Emily: We could use me and Jimmy's experience, and use Tyler.

Lydia (quiet): What about my brother?

(They turn and see her.)

Emily (surprised): You came.

(Beat.)

Jimmy: Does that mean that you're less broken or more broken than we thought?

Maya: Jimmy.

Lydia (unphased): You said you're using my brother?

Maya: That came out wrong. She didn't mean use him, she meant use his story . . . for the piece.

Lydia (unreadable): Huh.

(She sits down, and fidgets with the zipper on her jacket. The others look at her, then at each other.)

Maya (hesitant): Do you have any ideas, Lydia?

(Lydia doesn't say anything.)

Okay.

Emily (to Maya, breaking silence): I don't think an essay is enough to get people to listen. People write essays on gun violence every day, and look where we are.

Maya: But ours is gonna be different.

Emily: What about a song? That would be different.

Maya: The medium isn't what's gonna set us apart, it's the fact that our story will be real. We have the power to write something real, because we're the ones that actually went through it. (Slight beat.)

Are you sure you're okay, Lydia?

Lydia: You never asked if I was okay.

Maya: Are you?

(Lydia doesn't answer. She keeps playing with her zipper.)

Jimmy: Let's go back to the poem idea. Uhhh, let's see . . . Roses are red, I was almost dead, I may have been shot, but I'm still good in—

Maya (interrupting): Jimmy!

Jimmy: What?

Maya: Stop making a joke out of this. Jimmy: What else do you want me to do? Maya: Be real.

Jimmy: This is real. You want to join hands and sing kumbaya and cry? Fine, but count me out. Also, you've got a stupid cliché story.

Maya: That's not funny.

Jimmy: Did it sound like I was trying to be funny?

Maya: Well—

Jimmy (mocking): Everyone copes in different ways, Maya.

Emily: How about we just make sure this never happens again? So nobody else has to cope with this kind of thing ever again.

Maya: Exactly. Maybe . . . Ok, wait, remember that musical we saw that once? About the kids in the school shooting?

Emily: Yeah, it was horrible.

Maya: Well, maybe it was horrible because it wasn't written by people who knew what they were talking about. We know what we're talking about.

Emily: No, it was horrible because it focused on the shooter.

Maya: Well, that was a unique take. It was trying to get a different perspective, but—

Emily: No it wasn't, every article and new story and tweet and church has the thoughts and prayers and "forgive the shooter" bulls— It's ridiculous, in real life, nobody forgives the shooter, they—

Lydia (looking up): I forgive him.

Maya: What?

Jimmy (surprised): She speaks.

Emily: What do you mean you forgive the shooter?

Lydia: I mean I forgive him.

Jimmy: Because of your Christian guilt s—

Emily: No, because it's easier than actually making change.

Lydia: You think it's easy?

Emily: It means you get to just be okay with everything that happened. You don't have to do anything about it.

Maya: Write that—

Emily (talking over her): You can go ahead and be okay with it, but I'm not going to. Lydia (soft): You think I'm okay with my brother being dead?

Emily: That's—that's not what I said.

Lydia: It's what you meant.

Emily: Lydia—

Lydia: I didn't forgive . . . Jack because it's easy, I did it because . . . it feels really good.

Jimmy: Huh?

Lydia: Like I couldn't stop him, but I can't better than him.

Emily: That won't stop it from happening again.

Lydia: Well, what will? Talking about how kids were shot and killed? Everybody talks about the school shootings every time. We did before we were the kids. Do you know how many people died in Parkland?

Emily: I don't know, like—

Lydia: 17. Nothing changed when 17 people died in Parkland, so why would it when only 3 kids die here? It doesn't really matter, does it?

Emily: We have to keep trying. We put enough pressure on Congress, and they have to make a change.

Lydia: Do you guys read the articles? The ones about us? (Beat.) You shouldn't. Maya: I read them.

Lydia: Did you see the one where they mentioned Tyler had just gotten back from a suspension?

(Slight beat.)

Maya (soft): What?

Lydia: It wasn't a big news outlet. You couldn't cite it in English class. But it was there. (Beat.) Maybe if they can see I'm good, if I'm so f---ing good I can forgive the man that killed my brother, I'll be worth listening to. Because they don't care about Tyler because he got suspended. If I'm just a good enough person, they'll want to save me, right? (Beat.) Right?

Jimmy (quiet): Were the first graders at Sandy Hook not good enough people?

Maya: That's not funny, Jimmy.

Jimmy (genuine): It wasn't a joke.

(Beat.)

Lydia: He's right. They aren't going to listen. So I forgive Jack—

Emily (interrupting): Don't say his name!

Jimmy: You sat next to him in freshman chemistry, you know his name.

Emily: Don't give him the notoriety!

Jimmy: Do you think not saying his name is going to make any of us forget what he did?

Emily: He doesn't deserve the recognition! Jimmy (referencing his arm): Since when did all of this become about what anyone deserves?

Lydia: Exactly. I don't forgive Jack because he deserves it, I forgive him because it's really really hard, so it feels really good to do it. Being angry isn't going to do anything but hurt me.

Maya: Write that down.

Lydia: No.

Maya: What do you mean? We finally have something!

Jimmy: Maya, chill the f--- out.

Emily: Stop being a d--- Jimmy! She's actually trying to do something here!

Jimmy: Yeah, and it's annoying!

Emily: Because you haven't done anything?

Jimmy: I did something, I became your martyr, you're f---ing welcome.

Emily: You're not dead! What are you doing to help the people that are?

Lydia: Writing isn't going to bring them back.

Maya: It might not, but I—

Lydia: You can take two seconds to grieve.

Maya: But nothing happened to me! I'm totally fine! (to Jimmy) You got shot, and (to Emily) and you saw it all happen, (to Lydia) and you—Tyler. So you're all survivors, and I'm just someone who hid in that f---ing corner, so I have to do something! I have to write something!

Lydia: No you don't.

Maya: But—

Lydia: It's not going to undo anything.

Emily (to Lydia): No, Maya's right. If we tell our story to politicians, or voters, or foundations, they have to listen. They're going to listen.

Lydia: Do you actually think you can talk about what happened, Emily? Have you even let yourself remember it? (Beat. She hasn't.)

Maya: But everything happens for a reason. Maybe our reason is so we can get something done.

Lydia: Maya—

Maya (before she can object): Isn't that what the church says about it, Lydia?

Jimmy: That's stupid. I'm not good enough of a person to be God's vessel for getting s--- done. It didn't happen so we could do something. It happened because nobody did anything to stop it.

(Beat.)

Lydia: Yeah.

Maya: That doesn't matter anymore. What matters is what we do next.

Lydia: We don't owe the world that. They owed us safety. They owed Tyler safety.

Maya: We can't—I can't just do nothing.

Lydia: Nothing's okay.

Maya: But—

(She trails off. Beat.)

Lydia (gentle): You can put the pencil down, Maya. (Maya holds onto the pencil for dear life.)

(End of Play).

# RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATED MEMBERS OF THE WILLIAMSVILLE ROTARY

## HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the Williamsville Rotary Club. Their outstanding community service has improved the lives of many Williamsville residents.

The Williamsville Rotary Club is a member of Rotary International, a worldwide service organization with 1.4 million members. The mission and values of Rotary International are widely recognized, and the Williamsville chapter has had particular success representing those values and supporting the community they serve.

The Williamsville Rotary Club received its charter in 1925, and for almost one hundred years has helped the local economy, youth community, arts, and education. During World War II, volunteers with the Williamsville Rotary Club conducted metal scrap drives, rallying together to support our troops and the war effort. Today, the Club's generosity sustains the Williamsville Library, Amherst Senior Center, Erie County SPCA, Mercy Flight, Western

New York Heroes, Millard-Fillmore Suburban Hospital, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

By upholding the work of other community organizations and lending volunteers to support initiatives for people living in poverty, people with disabilities and illnesses, and youth in the area, the Williamsville Rotary Club is actively working to better the lives of Western New Yorkers.

Specifically, their work with young people in the Williamsville area demonstrates an outstanding commitment to improving our community. The Williamsville Rotary Club has provided annual scholarships to graduating Williamsville High School seniors. In addition to scholarships, the Williamsville Rotary Club also facilitates a youth exchange program through Rotary International. They also donate to the Bornhava Early Childhood Center and little league baseball. Internationally, the Williamsville Rotary Club supports the Liberian Learning Center and the Matrichaya School for Women in India.

Extending their work to help those in other countries, the Williamsville Rotary Club has shown that their outstanding propensity to serve others is not predicated on shared culture or identity. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the dedicated members of the Williamsville Rotary Club and their commitment to our youth and to those most vulnerable in our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF VALERIA HASBERRY, KRISTA KINNARD, AND RODNEY WALLACE

### HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Valerie Hasberry, Ms. Krista Kinnard, and Mr. Rodney Wallace on the outstanding achievement of being named finalists for the Samuel J. Service to America Medal. Each of these individuals have demonstrated extreme dedication to public service and their country.

As the Chief Security Officer of the Architect of the Capitol, Valerie worked tirelessly to restore and maintain operations of the U.S. Capitol following the events of January 6th. Valerie worked to ensure Capitol operations continued and that the important work of the people would continue.

While serving as Chief of Emerging Technology at the Department of Labor, Krista was responsible for several innovations that have increased department-wide efficiency. She worked to streamline services, saving time and money. Krista's service has strengthened the abilities of the Department of Labor and helped serve American workers everywhere.

As the Director of Detection, Diagnostics, and Devices Infrastructure Division at Department of Health and Human Services, Rodney had an imperative role in the development of the COVID-19 vaccine. Rodney and his team worked tirelessly with several entities to safely and swiftly develop a vaccine. Without the efforts of Rodney and his team, the pandemic would have lasted much longer than it did.

Valerie, Krista, and Rodney have provided phenomenal service to our great nation, representing Virginia's First District proudly. Their dedication to their work is nothing short of amazing and I am honored to recognize them for their achievement of being finalists for the Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medal.

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DAN QUARATINO

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dan Quaratino for receiving the 2021 Image Award from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. The Image Award aims to recognize individuals who make a positive impact in our community and go above and beyond to make the lives of others a better place.

Dan is the Assistant Principal and Athletic Director at Arvada High School and is well-known for his passion and dedication to the education of students. He regularly provides opportunities for student athletes at the school, such as field trips and participation in out-of-state tournaments. He has also spearheaded the Arvada Sports Institute which gives students the opportunity to work in the sports industry and gain real-world experience. In addition to supporting student athletes, he encourages all students to get involved in their community and is genuinely invested in their future of these kids ensuring they have the education and experience to succeed in their path in life.

Congratulations again to Dan Quaratino on this recognition from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. I extend my deepest appreciation for his contributions to our community.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER AND WORK OF CHERYL LITTLE

### HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to recognize the tremendous career and meaningful work of Cheryl Little.

Cheryl Little has been a tireless advocate for immigrant rights for nearly three decades and has established herself as one of this country's leading experts in the immigration field.

Cheryl's extensive involvement in immigration dates back to 1985 when, upon her graduation from law school with honors, she began working at the Haitian Refugee Center. In January 1996, she co-founded the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center, Inc. (FIAC), now Americans for Immigrant Justice (AI Justice), and serves as its Executive Director.

She has received numerous honors and awards for her work, including the Morris Dees Justice Award as well as the Legal Legend award from History Miami and the 11th Judicial Circuit Historical Society. Poder Magazine named her one of Miami's 100 Most Influential People and she was named one of the "Top 20 Women Lawyers in South Florida" by the Daily Business Review. She has also been named "Person of the Week" by ABC News.

Ms. Little has authored numerous publications in the area of immigration, including law review articles and reports. She has testified before Congress and appears regularly on television. Her appearances include 60 Minutes, Nightline, PBS's News Hour, Frontline, The Oprah Winfrey Show, and CNN.

Cheryl Little is a selfless, compassionate, and devoted public servant and advocate for human rights. Her commitment to our community is exemplary, and I am proud to call her my dear friend. I wish her a hearty congratulations on her retirement and am grateful for her invaluable work to improve the lives of those in Florida's 23rd Congressional District, Florida, and our Nation.

IN HONOR OF THE 18TH INTERNATIONAL VEENA FESTIVAL

### HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, today I wish to recognize the Sri Annamacharya Project of North America (SAPNA), along with Veena Council Global, in commemoration of the 18th International Veena Festival. SAPNA was conceived as the Saint Annamacharya Project USA by Dr. Sriram and Mrs. Saradapurna Sonty in 1989.

The International Veena Festival presents over 50 Saraswathi Veenas—an ancient Indian string instrument originating in Vedic times and referenced in Vedic Scripture from thousands of years ago. Veena music is known to bring about spiritual healing, a feeling of communion, and a connection with a higher power.

Through the International Veena Festival, SAPNA seeks to sustain classical music; to promote innovative music traditions on a global stage; and to foster friendship, peace, harmony, and universal understanding through music in today's turbulent times.

Madam Speaker, I celebrate the work of SAPNA to honor the cultural heritage of more than four million Indian-Americans, uplift traditional Indian artists, and bridge cultural divides through music.

OPERATION SANDBLAST

### HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Senior Chief, Torpedoman's Mate David E. Boe, Senior Chief, Sonar Technician John F. Kuester, Master Chief Petty Officer Robert C. Perkins, and Commander Allen W. Steele, the original crew members aboard the USS Triton during the submarine's 1960, top-secret Operation Sandblast mission.

This mission was instrumental in the Cold War—not only did the crew gather valuable oceanographic data throughout its circumnavigation of the globe while remaining entirely submerged and undetected, but they demonstrated their endurance and the submarine's technical capabilities. At the time of Triton's



commissioning in 1959, it was considered the largest, most powerful, and most expensive submarine ever built.

The Port of Benton in Richland, Washington, worked with the U.S. Navy to preserve the USS Triton's 75-foot-long sail and conning tower that are on display at the USS Triton Sail Park, to honor submariners and highlight the significance of Triton's impact on the Nuclear Age.

Central Washington is proud to hold this piece of our nation's history, and I am honored to recognize these brave crew members for their commitment and dedication to accomplishing the Operation Sandblast mission, which proved invaluable to the United States and the world during the Cold War.

#### AZITA RAJI OBITUARY

#### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I would like to include in the RECORD the following obituary for Azita Raji.

Azita Raji, a longtime Belvedere resident who served as a U.S. ambassador to Sweden under President Barack Obama, died Feb. 6 of metastatic breast cancer.

Ms. Raji, a major fundraiser for Obama, was appointed to the position in October 2014. However, she wasn't confirmed until February 2016 after a long delay by the Republican-controlled U.S. Senate. She presented her credentials to Sweden's King Carl XVI Gustaf on March 15, 2016, and served until Jan. 20, 2017.

With her confirmation, she became the first female U.S. ambassador to Sweden, as well as the first Iranian-born American to serve as a U.S. ambassador. During her tenure, she was also nominated for the Sue M. Cobb Prize for Exemplary Diplomatic Service, the State Department's highest award for a non-career ambassador.

"The deepest impression Azita made was on the people that had the privilege of knowing her," the U.S. Department of State said in a Feb. 8 statement. "Her loss will be deeply felt by all she touched. . . . She was an inspiring leader, who loved her time in Sweden and the relationships she made."

The statement noted flags at the U.S. Embassy in Sweden would be flown at half-staff for three days in her honor.

Ms. Raji left a career in finance in 2007 to focus on fundraising for Democratic candidates and for Obama's initial presidential campaign.

By 2012, Ms. Raji was serving as national finance vice chair and chair of the Swing State Victory Fund for Obama's campaign. She also served on the national advisory board of the Democratic National Committee and was a member of the Obama for America National Finance Committee from 2008 to 2012.

In 2013, Obama appointed Ms. Raji to serve on the President's Commission on White House Fellows.

Her nomination as ambassador came at a time when Obama had been criticized for naming ambassadors from among the ranks of his fundraisers, freezing out experienced diplomats in favor of those with little international experience or language fluency, though that is a common practice among presidents.

While not a career diplomat, Ms. Raji had more world experience than many of the

non-Foreign Service nominees, having grown up in Iran and Western Europe. In addition to English, she was fluent in French and Persian.

Ms. Raji was born Sept. 29, 1961, in Tehran, Iran, one of two children to Feyed and Parvin Raji. She completed her high school education in Lausanne, Switzerland, where she competed nationally as a downhill skier and chess player before moving to the U.S. when she was 17.

She then attended Barnard College of Columbia University in New York, where she received a bachelor's degree in architecture and French in 1983 and a master of business administration degree in finance in 1991.

She became a U.S. citizen in 1988.

Earlier in her career as an international investment banker, Ms. Raji held senior positions at firms including JP. Morgan & Co., Salomon Brothers and Drexel Burnham Lambert. She had been a member of the Institute for Chartered Financial Analysts since 1991.

She was a member of the Bretton Woods Committee, which supports international finance institutions such as the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

Ms. Raji has served as a trustee of the Barnard College Executive Committee, on the advisory board of Columbia Business School's Tamer Center for Social Enterprise and as founding co-chair of the Athena Center for Leadership Studies at Barnard College. She also served on the economic advisory council of the Center for American Progress and as director of the National Partnership for Women & Families. All the organizations benefited from her philanthropy as well.

On July 4, 2016, Ms. Raji was named an honoree of Great Immigrants, an annual recognition by the Carnegie Corporation of New York of inspiring naturalized U.S. citizens who have made notable contributions to the progress of American society.

The same year, when singer-songwriter Bob Dylan was named the recipient of the Nobel Prize for Literature, Ms. Raji read a letter by Dylan, who did not attend the award banquet, to the Nobel Committee on his behalf.

She also was appointed a commissioner of the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery in 2016.

That same year, she was the first U.S. Ambassador to Sweden to march in the country's Pride Parade. She also was the recipient of the 2017 Ellis Island Medal of Honor and of Barnard College's 2020 Joan Rivers Trailblazer Award.

She and her husband, Gary A. Syman, a retired Goldman Sachs partner, were married in 1992 and had lived in Belvedere since 1996.

In her free time, she enjoyed skiing, swimming, hiking, travel, reading and cooking Persian food for her family.

In addition to her husband, Ms. Raji is survived by a brother, Reza Raji of Menlo Park; two daughters, Gabriella Raji Syman of Belvedere and Elena Raji Syman of New York; three stepdaughters, Kimberly Syman of Lexington, Mass., Stefanie Syman of Brooklyn, NY, and Hillary Syman of Minneapolis, Minn.; and seven grandchildren.

A private memorial service will be held in June. Donations in her memory may be sent to Barnard College, Box AS, 3009 Broadway, New York City; NY 10027; or to the Joy Trust Fund at MarinHealth Foundation, 1350 S. Eliseo Drive #110, Larkspur, CA 94904.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF DUVALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of DuVall Elementary School, located in Dearborn, Michigan. DuVall Elementary has been paramount in shaping the minds of young students for a century, and its contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

The rapid expansion of Ford Motor Company in the early twentieth century attracted eager workers hoping to reap the benefits of the new \$5 work day. These workers traveled to Michigan en masse, bringing their families who settled in towns across Metro Detroit. One neighborhood, known as the Ford Historic Homes District near downtown Dearborn, experienced a rapid expansion which necessitated the creation of a new school. Consequently, Southwestern School opened its doors in 1921. Under Principal Leo DuVall, the school quickly grew to over 300 students. After three decades of leadership, the Board of Education decided to rename the Southwestern School after DuVall to honor his significant accomplishments, and Principal DuVall retired a year later in 1959.

DuVall Elementary School continues to provide invaluable instruction, guidance, and support to students across Dearborn. Remaining a fixture of the community after a century of service underscores its lasting impact and serves as a testament to its role in Dearborn. DuVall Elementary is a school that recognizes the value and abilities of every student and inspires all to achieve greatness both inside and outside the classroom.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring DuVall Elementary School as it celebrates 100 years of instruction in Dearborn, Michigan. We are proud of its enduring impact on our community and wish it the best of luck in the years ahead.

#### HONORING LAURA JOSS

#### HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today, with Congresswoman JACKIE SPEIER, in recognition of Laura Joss for her 32 years of exceptional government service with the National Park Service.

Laura has a long history of working for the National Park Service (NPS), beginning as a volunteer at Mesa Verde National Park after earning a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from Indiana University and a Master of Arts in History Museum Studies from the State University of New York. Laura proceeded to serve as Superintendent at Arches National Park, Deputy Superintendent of the NPS Southeast Utah Group, Superintendent of both the Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine and the Hampton National Historic Site in Maryland, and Chief of the Branch of Cultural Resources and Tribal Liaison at Yellowstone National Park. Her commitment to the



agency and the breadth of experience led her to the western region where she served as Deputy Regional Director/Chief of Staff for the NPS Intermountain Region in Lakewood, Colorado, the Associate Regional Director for Resource Stewardship and Research in the Intermountain Regional Office, and as Pacific West Regional Director in San Francisco.

During her tenure as General Superintendent of Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Muir Woods National Monument, and Fort Point National Historic Site, Laura has been a tireless advocate for communities, underserved audiences, and staff. She successfully navigated the challenges of leading these popular units of the National Park Systems and did so during a pandemic. She hosted national and international visits by congressional staff, Washington officials, and international dignitaries, including the Italian President and delegations from Norway and the Ukraine studying the parks as a model for developing their own national park systems. Under Laura's direction, NPS also signed the first sister park agreement with the First Lady of Costa Rica to develop their Isla San Lucas National Park, a twin to the park's Alcatraz Island unit.

In our personal experiences working with Laura, she has been a consummate professional, responsive to community issues, and conducted herself with a professional and diplomatic demeanor. Our national parks and communities have benefited from Laura's transparency, integrity, and deep commitment to the Golden Gate Recreation Area and extended national park system.

Madam Speaker, we respectfully ask that you join us in expressing gratitude to Laura for her enduring commitment to public service and extending heartfelt congratulations on her more than three decades with the National Park Service.

**HONORING DREW HELLENSEN,  
OLYMPIC ATHLETE**

**HON. ANGIE CRAIG**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Ms. CRAIG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Farmington native Drew Hellenson on his performance at the 2022 Olympic Games in Beijing, which earned the United States Ice Hockey team 5th place.

At only 21 years old, Drew has earned the Hockey East Best Defensive Defenseman, First Team All-Hockey East and Second Team AHCA All-American awards. With countless winning games and titles under his belt, he has proven to all of us that anything can be achieved when you stay committed to your dreams.

On behalf of Minnesota's 2nd Congressional District, I want to congratulate Drew on performing in his first ever Olympic games.

**RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL  
WORKERS' RIGHTS TO ORGANIZE**

**HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 1096, to ensure that

House staffers have the same fundamental rights to organize and collectively bargain as workers across the Nation. Unions play an essential role in providing higher wages, better benefits, and safer workplaces. For decades, unions workers have consistently enjoyed 10- to 20-percent higher wages than their non-union counterparts. The benefits of union membership are so strong that studies show even the children of union workers enjoy greater economic mobility.

Unions also narrow both the racial wealth gap and the gender pay gap. Union members of color have almost five times the median wealth of their non-union counterparts. Moreover, unions close the gender wage gap almost completely, whereas on average non-union women are paid 78 cents for every dollar paid to non-union men.

Ultimately, unions provide workers with a voice on the job—and this proved to be critical during the pandemic. While the entire economy suffered from massive job losses throughout the pandemic, union workers suffered fewer job losses because they were able to bargain for fewer layoffs and safer workplaces.

As the Chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor, I have led legislation that ensures workers can form and access all the benefits of a union. These rights should also be extended to House staffers.

House staffers are central to moving our country forward. They help constituents find affordable health care coverage and access social security benefits; they ensure Members of Congress can hear directly from the people; and they help draft legislation that protects and strengthens our democracy.

As I have repeatedly said, joining a union is a fundamental right—and that must hold true for House employees, too.

I thank Speaker PELOSI, Leader HOYER, Congresswoman LOFGREN, Congressman LEVIN, and so many others for their leadership on this important issue.

**HONORING ROBERTSON CHARTER  
SCHOOL IN DECATUR, IL**

**HON. RODNEY DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Robertson Charter School in Decatur, Illinois on their 2A 7th Grade Basketball State Championship.

Decatur Robertson played Normal Metcalf in the State Championship, and while both teams fought well, there was never a doubt that the Wildcats would come out on top. After an almost perfect game, the Wildcats won 38–27.

After a successful regular season and impressive post-season, Decatur Robertson showed that they are a team full of talent and promise. Like others, I am excited to see what they can accomplish next season.

I would like to personally congratulate the coaches and the players of Decatur Robertson for their outstanding season and 2A 7th Grade State Championship. They have certainly made the Decatur area proud. I look forward to seeing them all play in the future and go Wildcats.

APRIL LAMBATOS

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize April Lambatos for receiving the 2021 Young Professional of the Year Award from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. The Young Professional of the Year Award recognizes an Arvada young professional whose leadership and dedication have positively impacted their community.

April is the co-owner of Footers Catering and Social Capitol Events in Arvada. Under April's leadership, Footers Catering has been recognized as a 'Best Place to Work' by The Denver Post, Colorado Biz Magazine, The Denver Business Journal, and the ICC. April was recognized as a Titan 100, a 40 Under 40 winner by the Denver Business Journal, and a top COO through the DBJ C-Suite awards. In addition to her work at Footers and Social Capitol, April is a founding Board member of the Mile High Young Professionals, is an active Board member for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and is currently on the Board for the Denver Public Library Friends Foundation and the International Catering Association.

Congratulations again to April Lambatos on this recognition from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. I extend my deepest appreciation for her contributions to our community.

**IN RECOGNITION OF DEBORAH  
MERRILL**

**HON. CHRIS PAPPAS**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Deborah Merrill's long-standing commitment to higher educational and wish her well as she enters retirement. Deborah's current role as the dean of the Peter T. College of Business and Economics at the University of New Hampshire is no easy task. In this role, Deborah oversees more than 3000 students and supports an incredible faculty team. This retirement is well deserved.

Prior to her work in higher education, Deborah worked for 15 years in international development and research management in Latin America and East Africa. Her commitment to pressing social issues has earned her grants from a variety of organizations, including the Ford Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation, Fulbright, Social Science Research Council, and the Inter-American Foundation.

Deborah has worked to created multiple business and marketing programs for the residents of New Hampshire. These programs include the Center for Business Analytics, the Business in Practice Program, Creation of Voice Z, Changemaker Collaborative, among others. These programs offer educational and research opportunities to further students and residents' knowledge of the business world. Each of her programs has been incredibly successful in preparing students for careers in leadership and business roles.

As public health precautions during the coronavirus pandemic caused many institutions to close their doors to the public for prolonged periods of times, Deborah made sure

that her staff felt supported, even without typical face to face operations. Deborah worked tirelessly to ensure that every staff member felt that they were heard and felt empowered to do their best work.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to thank Deborah for her continued dedication to the Granite State and wish her the best in her well-deserved retirement.

#### RESPONDING TO SLANDER

### HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, without bothering to corroborate the facts, a Congressman from California called me a "white nationalist" for my supposed attendance at an event that I never attended. He was wrong factually in saying I attended two such events. I did not go to any such events.

He uses the term "white nationalist." A "white nationalist" is someone who is white who wants a nation of only white people. I have never endorsed such a view. Ever. You will never find words I have said or actions I have taken that support the creation of a white ethnostate. Yet he cavalierly throws this out.

Slander is the left's go-to move to silence those they disagree with politically. For the last seven years they have attempted (unsuccessfully) to brand former President Donald Trump as a racist. Simply because President Trump believes, with a solid evidentiary basis, that there were electoral irregularities, they call him racist. Because he believes in a strong border and national security, they call him a racist. President Trump pursues an America First foreign policy—they call him racist.

And it's not just racism. Pick a phobia, and if you are standing up for the Constitution and its values, you are probably one. If you believe children as young as Kindergarten should not be sexually groomed and sexually indoctrinated in school—you are a "hater" and "phobic." I will continue to object and fight against any person or group that tries to sexualize children. Call me names but children cannot be sexualized by drag queens and mentally ill people who are confused by their gender.

And if none of those apply, they can always just fall back on calling you crazy or a conspiracy theorist. We have seen for years now that today's "conspiracy theory" is tomorrow's confirmed fact. If you believe there may be some health risks to a vaccine—conspiracy. If you believe climate change is more a tool for gaining power than anything to do about science—conspiracy. If you believe critical race theory is taught in our schools—crazy.

Cancel culture is a disease eating away at this country from the inside. Cancel culture is doing more damage than a hostile foreign power could only imagine doing—weakening our borders, potentially involving us in calamitous foreign conflicts, teaching our citizens to hate their country. In order to preserve all we hold dear, we must reject the libels and continue to boldly stand for truth. Know that I for one will not be intimidated.

#### PROVIDING RESEARCH AND ESTIMATES OF CHANGES IN PRECIPITATION ACT

SPEECH OF

### HON. MIKIE SHERRILL

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2022*

Ms. SHERRILL. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1437, the Providing Research on Estimates of Changes in Precipitation, or PRECIP Act.

Earlier this month on the Science, Space and Technology Committee, we heard from our government's representative to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change that we should expect three to eight times as much rain in the coming years as we have seen historically.

That future is here already in the cities and towns of New Jersey's 11th District. From Denville to Pequannock, and in Lincoln Park, Montville, Hanover Township, Morristown, Montclair, Verona and others, we are already seeing record-breaking instances of heavy precipitation wreaking havoc upon homes and businesses.

Last September, we experienced horrendous flooding in the wake of Tropical Storm Ida and tragically lost 27 lives across New Jersey. In Woodland Park in my district, a woman was swept away by the flooding—brave residents at the scene tried to rescue her, but the current was too strong and they themselves had to be rescued.

According to CDC estimates, over 35 percent of deaths related to Hurricane Ida were in New Jersey—the largest share of deaths in any state. The storm also shut down Newark International Airport, with nearly 400 flights canceled and an entire terminal closed, suspended almost all NJ Transit rail service, and caused significant delays for buses and drivers stranded by rising water across the state as they encountered roads closed by flooding and downed trees.

The devastation was widespread and continues to affect my constituents long after the waters receded. In Little Falls, New Jersey, I met with Mayor Damiano and spoke with families about the heartbreaking losses they faced; their lives and homes upended, with many still trying to recover from the personal and financial upheaval months later.

I remember one woman who told us how she was about to have her son's wedding that upcoming weekend and her whole house was flooded and nearly destroyed to the point that the power had to be shut off in order to keep them safe. She told me she just didn't know how she was going to make it all work. This wasn't the first time her home had flooded and her life uprooted, and in that moment, her fears were not just around recovering from the damage of Ida, but that even if she could recover, this still might happen again in the next storm or the one after that.

I heard from another mother in my district who, along with her young children, had to be rescued from her home at night during Hurricane Ida. She said that she had been told at 5 p.m. that the storm would pass to the west. The precise location of extreme weather and precipitation can make a life-or-death difference, and so we must constantly be working to improve NOAA's forecasting ability.

Sadly, this loss of life and of property is no longer limited to major storms and hurricanes or to limited regions. We are seeing very high volumes of precipitation that exceed the frequency and patterns we have seen in the past. These extreme precipitation events are happening in my district and those of my colleagues with alarming regularity.

Therefore, it is critical that decision makers such as flood plain managers, dam safety officials, civil engineers, local elected officials, first responders and others have the most accurate and up to date information to plan for these events. However, there is a gap in the information necessary to make these decisions.

This bill directs the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or NOAA, to update precipitation frequency estimates. This includes regular updates to Probable Maximum Precipitation, or PMP, estimates. These estimates are required to be updated at least every 10 years to provide up-to-date information for decision makers, but we encourage the agency to update these, and other precipitation frequency estimates, as frequently as practicable.

This bill also requires NOAA to develop a National Guidance Document for precipitation methodologies. Additionally, the bill authorizes the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to conduct a consensus study on best practices for precipitation estimation.

Given the critical need to update PMPs, and develop the National Guidance Document, Congress urges NOAA to include the findings of the Academies study when practicable and not to delay these time-sensitive updates.

This bipartisan bill is the result of significant stakeholder engagement, and outreach across the aisle. I want to particularly thank the Environment Subcommittee Ranking Member, Ms. BICE for her work, as well as the Full Committee Ranking Member, Mr. LUCAS.

I thank my colleagues for their support on this bill.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 12, 2022 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 17

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Defense

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Air Force and Space Force.

SD-192

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the National Institutes of Health.

SD-138

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine ways to strengthen the energy and mineral partnership between the U.S. and Canada to address energy security and climate objectives.

SD-366

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Airland

To hold hearings to examine modernization efforts of the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2023 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222

MAY 18

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the National Nuclear Security Administration.

SD-192

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-124

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2023 for the Fish and Wildlife Service.

SD-406

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine cybersecurity in the health and education sectors.

SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on the Constitution

To hold hearings to examine stopping gun violence, focusing on the Jackson-Elias Domestic Violence Survivor Protection Act.

SD-226

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Business meeting to consider S. 1687, to amend section 21 of the Small Business Act to require cyber certification for small business development center counselors, S. 2162, to require the Small Business Administration to publish loan default rates by franchise brand, S. 3564, to amend the Small Business Act to codify the Boots to Business Program, S. 3595, to amend the Small Business Act to require the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman to create a centralized website for compliance guides, and S. 3906, to improve certain programs of the Small Business Administration to better assist small business customers in accessing broadband technology.

SR-428A

3 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the path forward on U.S.-Syria policy, focusing on strategy and accountability.

SD-419/VTC

3:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for

fiscal year 2023 for military construction and family housing.

SD-124

4:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

To hold hearings to examine missile defense strategy, policies, and programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2023 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

MAY 19

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine Department of Energy and National Nuclear Security Administration testimony on atomic energy defense activities in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2023 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2023 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-366

MAY 24

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2023 for the Forest Service.

SD-366

JUNE 22

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine Toxic Substances Control Act amendments implementation.

SD-406